

Remarks

In the outstanding office action, the Examiner has required the election of a single species of the generic invention to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. More particularly, the Examiner required applicants to select from the therapeutic cosmetic treatments recited in claim 16: inhibiting the synthesis of melanin and decreasing the effect of skin pigmentation (Group A); stimulating the growth and metabolism of human fibroblasts (Group B); anti-ageing and/or anti-wrinkle effects, revitalizing or rejuvenating effects, promoting the repair of aged skin, appeasing and anti-irritation effects, antioxidant effect, protecting against UV or IR radiation (Group C); promoting hair growth or the delay of hair loss (Group D); and protease inhibition (Group E).

Although applicants do not necessarily agree with the statements made by the Examiner in the office action, applicants are making, without traverse, the following election:

Group C, drawn to providing anti-ageing and/or anti-wrinkle and/or revitalizing/rejuvenating and/or repair and/or appeasing and/or anti-irradiation and/or antioxidant and/or radiation protection effects on the skin.

Claims 10-16 are affected by this election.

The undersigned respectfully submits that the response presented herein comprises a full and complete response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction as set forth in the office action mailed April 1, 2009.

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this response, invitation is respectfully made to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number indicated below.

If any additional fees are required to further the prosecution of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1943.

Respectfully submitted,

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